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vada, a political frontier for women candidates, may be one of the remaining, critical states to vote support for the ERA.

Keep your eye on Nevada!

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Reno, Nev.

**Editors' Note:** The state legislature is not the only target for political women in Nevada this year. Maya Miller, Democrat from Carson City, has announced her candidacy for the U.S. Senate.

**“The only blatantly sexist recruiting practices I found were in the CIA”**

Currently I am a candidate for a Ph.D. in Economics. During the past few months I have been in contact with private, academic, and government organizations concerning openings for economists. Since the federal government has been forcing affirmative action programs on various organizations, I found it ironic that the only blatantly sexist recruiting practices I found were in a government organization, the Central Intelligence Agency.

During an interview with a representative of the CIA's personnel office, I was informed by the interviewer that “they” were worried about me, since they assumed that my career was secondary to my husband's and they did not want to spend money processing my application if all of my current and future employment decisions would be dependent on my husband's job. When I tried to explain that my husband and I both felt that my profession was the more specialized and that I would find a job first, and he would look for a job in that geographic area, the interviewer made the snide remark, “famous last words.”

Since the job of research economist consisted partly in becoming an expert on various economic problems all over the world, I thought it only reasonable that travel to those parts of the world would be included in the job. When I asked about the possibilities of travel, I was given an extensive lecture on how dangerous the world was and how they could

not allow a young woman with family responsibilities (a son and a husband) to travel away from home. When I asked if a young man with a wife and son would be allowed to travel, the interviewer answered, “We *don't* send young mothers to Uganda.” Thus the interview ended.

The next step in the CIA's recruiting process consists of a three-and-a-half-hour battery of tests. The first two and a half hours consisted of standardized verbal and mathematical aptitude tests. The last hour was devoted to a vocational aptitude and preference test which was supposedly designed to determine the fitness of the candidate for a long-term career with the CIA. When the test was handed out, I was shocked to see that men and women were receiving different tests—those for men had a blue cover; for women, a pink cover! I was asked: “Do you prefer household magazines or fashion magazines?” “Would you rather be the wife of a research scientist or the wife of a rancher?” “Would you rather spend a lot of time putting on makeup or go out without makeup?” “Would you rather cook or sew a dress?” I failed to see how these questions were relevant or useful in determining my suitability as a research economist.

Needless to say, I do not intend to pursue my employment opportunities with the CIA. I only hope that in the future all government agencies will take affirmative action seriously.

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Richard Farson's “A Child's Bill of Rights” (March, 1974) is indeed a fine ideal, but it is obviously the product of a society that is, by world standards, lavishly wealthy. As members of the U.S. Committee for UNICEF, the United Nations Children's Fund, we cannot help but contrast Mr. Farson's struggle for children's sexual freedom, suffrage, and choice of home environment with Third World youngsters' daily battles with hunger, disease, devastating poverty and neglect. There are many children in the United States today who must also contend with such

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Fran  
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